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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

### 1. FACTORS IN THE FALL OF THE THAI GOVERNMENT

THE DEMISE OF PRIME MINISTER THANOM'S GOVERNMENT BEGAN WITH A GRADUAL LOSS OF PUBLIC CONFIDENCE COUPLED WITH THE ABILITY OF STUDENT LEADERS TO ARTICULATE THE DESIRE FOR REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY BANGKOK, THE GOVERNMENT COULD HAVE SURVIVED THE LATEST CRISIS EXCEPT FOR THE SHOOTING OF STUDENTS ON OCTOBER 14 AND THE RESULTANT PUBLIC OUTRAGE. (CONFIDENTIAL)  
BANGKOK 16206, 10/16.

### 2. TENG COMMENTS ON US-PRC RELATIONS

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THE JAPANESE PRESS HAS REPORTED EXTENSIVELY ON JAPANESE

DIET GROUP CHAIRMAN FUJII'S TALKS WITH PEOPLE'S RE-PUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC) DEPUTY PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PENG IN PEKING ON OCTOBER 13. EMBASSY TRANSLATIONS OF PRESS REPORTS CITE TENG AS SAYING THAT NO FURTHER PROGRESS CAN BE MADE IN US-PRC RELATIONS UNTIL THE US SEVERS RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) TOKYO  
13425, 10/16.

3. THE SOVIETS COPE WITH CONTRADICTIONS

AT AN OCTOBER 15 DINNER, SOVIET PRIME MINISTER KOSYGIN STRESSED HIS COUNTRY'S COMMITMENT TO DETENTE AND AT THE SAME TIME DEFENDED THE GOAL OF HELPING THE ARABS REGAIN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. WHILE KOSYGIN WAS ATTEMPTING TO RECONCILE THE CONCEPT OF DETENTE WITH SOVIET MIDDLE EAST POLICY, THE SOVIET PRESS REPORTED US ARMS SHIPMENTS TO ISRAEL AND ALSO CITED MEANS OF EXPANDING US-USSR ECONOMIC TIES. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) MOSCOW  
12804, 10/16.

4. AGUSTSSON PRIVATELY EXPRESSES PRO-BASE FEELINGS

ICELAND'S FOREIGN MINISTER AGUSTSSON IS PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS OF IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS AND HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE NEXT ROUND BE HELD IN REYKJAVIK THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12. ALTHOUGH AGUSTSSON HAS TAKEN A PRO-BASE STAND IN PRIVATE MEETINGS, EMBASSY REYKJAVIK IS CONCERNED THAT HE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO AVOID THE CONSEQUENCES OF HIS STRONG ANTI-BASE PUBLIC STATEMENTS.  
(CONFIDENTIAL) REYKJAVIK 1225, 10/16. KISSINGER

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